

News Release



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William L. Finley Refuge 2015 Fall Black-tailed Deer Hunt *****CHANGES FOR 2015*****

The William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge hunt will take place in the same designated Refuge areas as in previous years, referred to and marked as Zones 1 and 2. The general refuge archery season for both zones runs from August 29th through September 27th. With a valid state 615 tag, archery hunting in Zone 1 is allowed from September 1st – October 31st. Depending on your hunt tag (General Firearm, 615 or 100M), hunting Zone 1 with a shotgun (using buckshot or slugs) and/or muzzleloader is open from October 3rd – October 31st.

The Zone 2 hunt area is limited to archery hunting ONLY. This is a change from previous years. The hunt period will be open from August 29th to October 31st. Zone 2 includes Woodpecker Loop, Intertie Trail, and the Mill Hill Trail. Hunters must possess valid state 615 or General Archery tags.

Self-service hunt kiosks are located off Finley Refuge Road at the Display Pond parking area and the Turtle Flats restrooms, as well as off Bruce Road near the east end of McFadden Marsh bridge. **Maps and regulations are posted at the hunt kiosks, as well as on the Refuge website:**
http://www.fws.gov/refuge/William_L_Finley/Hunt.html

Hunting is permitted seven days a week from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset. Only shotguns using buckshot or slugs and muzzleloaders for the restricted firearms deer hunt may be used during the designated dates. Either sex Black-tailed deer may be harvested with appropriate state-issued tag. Overnight camping and after hours parking is prohibited on the Refuge. All hunters must complete the two-part Big Game Harvest Report, available at the self-service hunt kiosks, before and after each hunt day. Hunters may use portable or climbing deer stands but must remove them from the Refuge daily. Hunters must have a current State hunting license and valid state-issued deer tag. Hunters under 18 must have their hunter safety card on their person.

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with Refuge regulations.

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2015 DEER HUNT INFORMATION

WILLIAM L. FINLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

HUNTING IS ALLOWED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OREGON STATE REGULATIONS, AND SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- **Hunting for Black-tailed deer ONLY** during specified seasons on Refuge (see calendar below). Hunting is not currently permitted on the Snag Boat Bend Unit, Ankeny or Baskett Slough Refuges.
- **Hunting is permitted seven days a week from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.** Normal Refuge hours are sunrise to sunset daily. Overnight camping and after hours parking are prohibited on the Refuge.
- Unless the dates are listed as archery only, all refuge hunting is restricted to archery, shotguns using buckshot or slugs, and muzzleloaders.
- Either sex deer may be harvested with appropriate state-issued tag.
- All hunters **must FULLY complete** both portions of the Big Game Harvest Report available at the self-service hunt kiosks *each* hunt day. Deposit Part A in box prior to hunting, display part B on dash of vehicle until end of day, and deposit in box at the hunt kiosk before leaving.
- Hunters may use portable or climbing deer stands **but must remove them from the Refuge daily.**
- Hunters must have a current State hunting license and valid state-issued deer tag. Hunters under 18 must have their hunter safety card on their person.
- Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with Refuge regulations.
- Parking allowed in designated parking areas only.

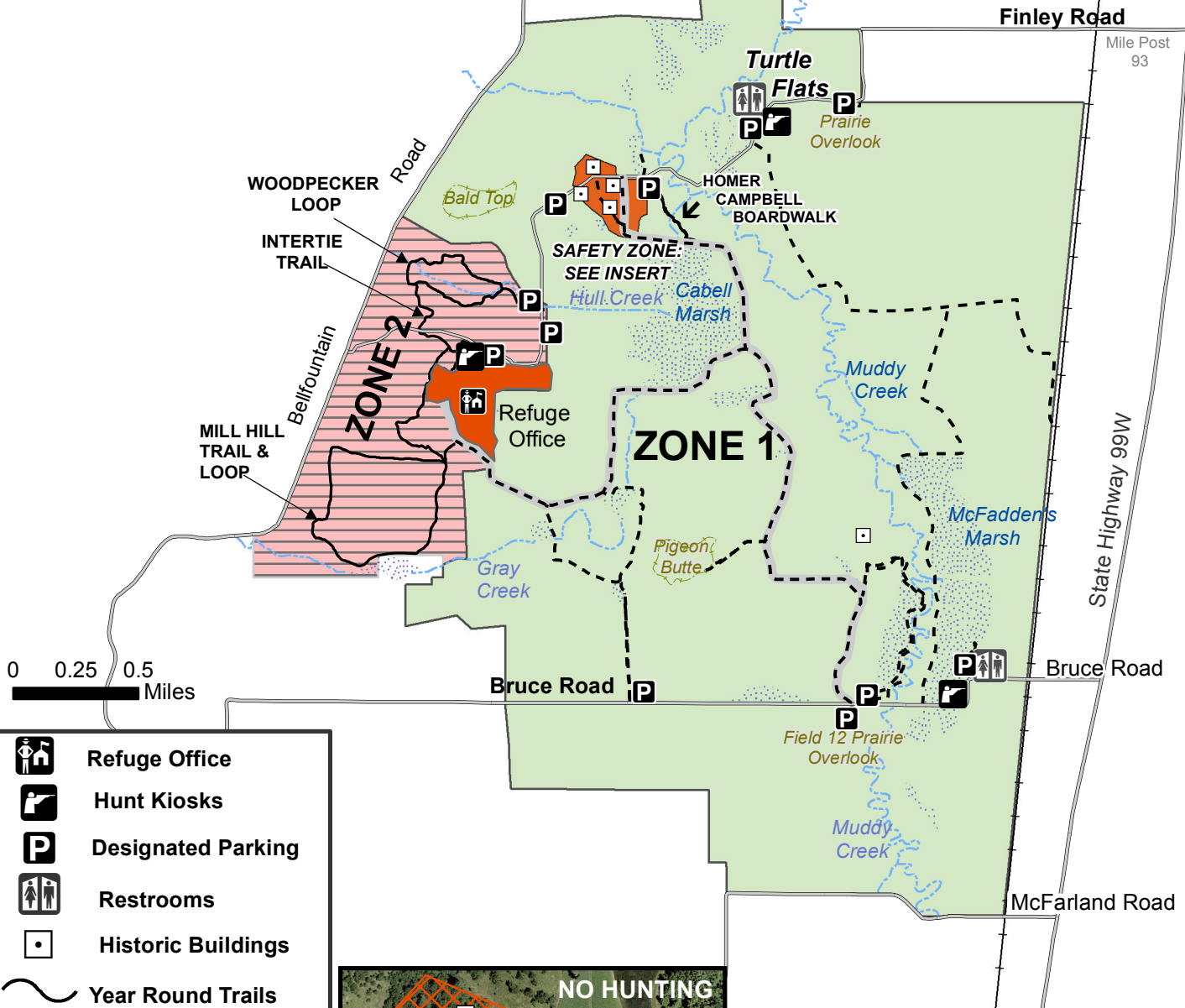
Tag Required	August	September	October	Weapon Restrictions
Refuge Zone 1				
DEER General Archery*	29	27		Archery Only
DEER Willamette Unit 615*		1	2	Archery Only
DEER Willamette Unit 615*			3 31	Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader
DEER General Firearm**			3 31	Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader
DEER Willamette Unit Muzzleloader 100M*			3 31	Muzzleloader
Refuge Zone 2				
DEER Willamette Unit 615*		1	31	Archery only
DEER General Archery	29	27		Archery only

*615 AND 100M TAGS AND GENERAL ARCHERY: ONE DEER EITHER SEX

**GENERAL FIREARM SEASON: ONE BUCK DEER NOT HAVING LESS THAN A FORKED ANTLER

William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge

2015 DEER HUNT



- Refuge Office
- Hunt Kiosks
- Designated Parking
- Restrooms
- Historic Buildings

- Year Round Trails
- Seasonal Trails (April 1 - October 31)

- Creeks & Streams
- Wetlands

- Refuge Service Roads
- County Roads
- Refuge Boundary



SAFETY ZONE:
NO HUNTING IN THESE AREAS

ZONE 1: Aug 29 - Oct 31
HUNTING IN THESE AREAS
With Appropriate ODFW Tag

ZONE 2: Aug 29-Oct 31
ARCHERY HUNTING ONLY
With Appropriate ODFW Tag